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Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers

For those of us who live in the North Burnett fire is a part of our lives. Each year some farmers choose to use fire as an agricultural tool and burn off their properties. These burns need a permit from the local fire warden and are usually very well controlled. I for one, look forward to the beautiful red sunsets which these burns produce.

Last week's weather conditions resulted in all permits to burn being suspended. QFES does an amazing job monitoring conditions and informing council, along with other agencies as to upcoming fire conditions.

The fuel load in our dry grass is enormous and our soil is extremely dry so the potential for fire to get away at this time is high. Therefore, we all need to be aware of how we live with this fire threat.

Firstly, for everyone with permits to burn, before doing so please contact your local fire warden for the latest advice. Although permits are issued with a date range for use, conditions can change substantially over that time.

Secondly, if you see a fire that is not controlled (or if QFES or Rural Fire is not in attendance) please call triple zero '000'.

Thirdly, there unfortunately has been some recent fires which have been suspected to have been deliberately lit. Personally, I have trouble comprehending the stupidity of this. As a community we ask you to be vigilant and if you suspect any arson please contact Crimestoppers with whatever information you have. "If you see something, know something, then say something..." We need to help each other out with this one.

Lastly, I'd like to thank QFES staff and our rural volunteers who spend many hours protecting life and property, many times at their own risk. You all do an outstanding job and we are lucky to have you.

Local Fire Warden Information: Please call Kingaroy/Burnett Area Office 4172 8700

Fire Warden information: https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Pages/fw_finder.aspx

Crimestoppers No: 1800 333 000

Emergency Services: Please call triple zero '000'

Talk soon,
Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next **General Meeting will be held in Eidsvold on Wednesday, 5 September** commencing 9am.

All members of the public are welcome to attend Council's Public Question Time, held during **Council's General Meeting from 9:30am to 10:30am**. This is an opportunity to bring forth any items that you would like your Councillors to address.

Prior indication of your question is appreciated. Please phone 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) to discuss with an Executive Support staff member or email executive.support@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

NORTH BURNETT TRANSPORT SERVICE FILL IN A SURVEY!

Survey closes Friday, 31 August 2018

Help the North Burnett Regional Council continue to provide an efficient bus travel service for the community and visitors to our region!

Have your say on what is important to you! We value your opinion and welcome your feedback.

Complete the anonymous on-board survey form from the comfort of your seat and return to the friendly bus driver.

Just provide your name and contact details to receive entry into the draw to win

ONE OF TEN

\$20 Reading Cinema gift cards!

NORTH BURNETT TRANSPORT SERVICE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Community members are invited to attend a Community Consultative Forum regarding the North Burnett Transport Service (NBTS) to be held at Monto on Monday, 15 October 2018 commencing 10am. Light refreshments will be provided.

Items to be discussed include:

- Performance
- Customer Service
- Communication
- Infrastructure
- Service Enhancements

WHAT: North Burnett Transport Service Community Consultative Forum

WHERE: Family Refreshment Café & Restaurant - 28 Lister Street, Monto, 4630

WHEN: Monday, 15 October, 10am

The NBTS bus will depart Mundubbera at 8am and is available free of charge to residents wanting to attend the Forum! (Limited seats available - so book early to avoid disappointment)

To RSVP for catering purposes, reserve a bus seat or to add additional Agenda Items please contact Council's NBTS Bus Co-Ordinator on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

We look forward to seeing you there!

POSITIONS VACANT

- Corporate Services Manager - close 28-08-18
- Admin Officer (Civil Works) - close 28-08-18

TENDERS / EOI

- Nil

Further information on Positions Vacant or Tenders can be obtained via Council's:

Website: www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

Email: admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

Phone: 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or

call into one of Council's Customer Service Centres / Libraries.

FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

Over the next fortnight, flood restoration works will be concentrated in the following locations:

Biggenden - Bennetts Rd, Coongarra Rock Rd, Lords Rd

Eidsvold - Kerwee Rd

Gayndah - Back Creek Rd, Beronne Rd, Dents Rd

Monto - Airport Rd, Cahalane Rd, Cannindah Rd, Hays Rd, Kariboe Rd, McLeods Rd, Monal Rd, Old Rawbelle Rd

Mt Perry - Kalliwa Rd

Mundubbera - Hawkwood Rd, Walkers Rd



Kariboe Rd, Monto 'under construction'.

Council acknowledges the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) funding is a joint Commonwealth and State Government program.

SNAP SEND SOLVE

Snap Send Solve is a free app that allows residents to take a photo of an issue such as broken playground equipment or illegal dumping and email the responsible council to report the problem.

Snap Send Solve uses your phone and GPS to determine the responsible Council and sends the information instantly.



ROADSIDE GRAZING AND STOCK ROUTES

Emerging drought conditions has resulted in an increased demand to use stock routes and roads for grazing in the North Burnett, with Council receiving an enquiry for several hundred of head to be travelled from further west onto local stock routes and roads.

The Queensland Government has a network of dedicated stock routes under the *Stock Route Management Act* which also includes roads by definition.

Any agistment or travelling of livestock on roads or stock routes requires a permit under the Act, and any road that involves a main road, would have to be referred to the relevant State agency for consideration.

Permit fees are based on the number of head to be travelled or agisted as determined by regulation under the Act. Local Governments can only refuse an application if there is a current permit with someone else, if there is no pasture or water to sustain stock during the period of the permit or if there is a risk to biosecurity, traffic or land. A refusal for permit can however be reviewed by the Government Department responsible for the Act.

Further information on agistment and travelling stock permits can be obtained through Council's Natural Resources Management Team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice is given that Council at its General Meeting held 15 August 2018 resolved to abolish its two Standing Committees (Policy and Planning Standing Committee and Technical Services Standing Committee) and introduce a three week General Meeting cycle. General Meetings commence at 9am. The following are the dates and venues for Council's General Meetings for the remainder of 2018:

MEETING DATE	LOCATION
Wednesday, 05 September 2018	Eidsvold
Wednesday, 26 September 2018	Mt Perry
Wednesday, 17 October 2018	Gayndah
Wednesday, 07 November 2018	Monto
Wednesday, 28 November 2018	Gayndah
Wednesday, 12 December 2018	Biggenden

Council welcomes the attendance of the general public in the gallery to the open portions of General Meetings. All members of the public are welcome to attend Council's Public Question Time, held during Council's General Meeting from 9:30am to 10:30am. This is an opportunity to bring forth any items that you would like your Councillors to address. Prior indication of your question is appreciated. Please phone 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) to discuss with an Executive Services staff member or email Council at Executive.Support@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

POSITION VACANT

CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

Applications close: **5pm Tuesday, 28 Aug**

This is a key corporate and financial leadership role with significant remuneration package available for an outstanding applicant.

This key leadership role forms a critical part of Council's Executive Leadership Team and reports to the General Manager Corporate and Community. The Manager is responsible for the effective leadership and management of the Corporate Services Section including Finance, budgeting, ICT, records management and other Business Support functions including risk management and corporate and operational planning.

As a member of the Executive Leadership Team this role will be responsible for the provision of credible leadership, development and maintenance of a performance culture, strategic long term financial planning and organisational decision making, ensuring that all functions of the Corporate Services Section supports the strategic direction and financial sustainability of the Council.

To obtain a Position Description and information on how to apply please visit Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or contact Council's People and Culture team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).

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POSITIONS VACANT

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (CIVIL WORKS) - MUNDUBBERA

Full-Time Fixed Term (6 months)

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GARAGE SALE TRAIL 2018

Saturday, 20 & Sunday, 21 October

Registrations are now open for 'Garage Sale Trail 2018! Check the website <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/> for more information...

BUILDING CERTIFICATION

North Burnett Regional Council offers the following building certification services to the North Burnett Regional Council area:

All domestic construction: dwellings, sheds, pools; all commercial & industrial development; Pool safety inspections. For further information please contact Council's Development Services staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).

QBCC Licence: A31909 & Pool Safety Inspector Licence: 100421

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